

HOW TO TRAVEL BY AMTRAK BETWEEN SAN FRANCISCO, THE EAST BAY AND STOCKTON

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AMTRAK'S SAN JOAQUIN TRAINS TO STOCKTON SAN JOAQUIN STATION

<https://www.amtrak.com/san-joaquins-train>

There are currently five daily round-trips on Amtrak's San Joaquin trains, the ones that run between Oakland and Bakersfield, CA. Because the train doesn't come into San Francisco, you have two choices if San Francisco is where you are starting from:

- 1) Take a direct Amtrak freeway bus connection from the Amtrak bus station located at San Francisco's Temporary Transbay Terminal [TTT] (Amtrak station code SFC - 200 Folsom Street, San Francisco) to the Emeryville Station (station code EMY - 5885 Horton Street, Emeryville). This takes about a half hour and is timed to connect with the Amtrak trains.

It's very easy to do this: a) You buy your freeway bus connection at the same time you buy your train ticket; b) you get on the bus in S.F. and it goes non-stop over the Bay Bridge to the Emeryville Amtrak station, which is staffed and has a food concession. OR

- 2) Take the Richmond train (red and orange lines) of BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit) from any BART station in S.F. to the Richmond BART station, 1700 Nevin Avenue, Richmond, which is parallel to the Richmond Amtrak Station (Code RIC - same address as the BART station). You have to go downstairs from BART and then back up a walkway to get to the Amtrak platform. This should take about 5 minutes. This station is not staffed and has no food concession.

BUYING A TICKET: To buy an Amtrak ticket, you can either call Amtrak at 1-800-USA-RAIL (1-800-872-7245), download the Amtrak app or use this link: <https://tickets.amtrak.com/itd/amtrak>. Using the link: If you are leaving from San Francisco and going to Stockton, enter SFC in the "From" box and SKN in the "to" box. If you are leaving from Richmond, enter RIC in the "from" box. Then select the date and time of day you want to travel, whether you want a one-way or round-trip ticket, and follow the on-line directions. Later in the process you'll be asked about discounts (if you are 65 or over there's a 10% discount) and payment information.

APPROXIMATE TIME AND COST of bus from S.F. to Emeryville and train from Emeryville to Stockton is two hours and 15 minutes and \$15. If you are traveling from the East Bay and can get to Jack London Square (where the train starts), Emeryville, Richmond or Martinez, you can connect to the San Joaquin trains there. **The trip by auto from SASP to the Stockton San Joaquin station for someone to pick you up there is approximately 16 miles and 20 minutes from SASP without traffic**

A few things to note:

- Although you are going North from Emeryville before heading East to Stockton, the train schedule for Emeryville (EMY) to Stockton (SKN) is the San Joaquins *Southbound*, because

from Stockton the train goes South to Bakersfield. In the other direction, from Stockton to Emeryville, it is considered *Northbound*.

- The first time you do this you might want to sit on the left side of the train so that you can look out the window. It's a beautiful trip, partly along the water.
- There is free wi-fi and bathrooms are available on all trains.

Once you arrive either at the Stockton San Joaquin station or Lodi Transit Center, you'll either have to have someone pick you up, take a taxi (there are usually one or two waiting at the station) or rely on Lyft or Uber, both of which operate in Stockton and Lodi. NOTE: The Stockton San Joaquin station is not in a great part of town and is not a place you'll want to hang out.

Lyft: Stockton and Lodi <https://www.lyft.com/rider/cities/stockton-ca>

Uber: Stockton and Lodi (both are within the Sacramento Uber area
<https://www.uber.com/cities/sacramento/>